

## DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION

### Fiscal Year 2007-08 Budget Highlights

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) protects public health and the environment through the nation's most rigorous and comprehensive program to evaluate pesticides and control pesticide use. DPR's mission is to protect human health and the environment by regulating pesticide sales and use and by fostering reduced-risk pest management. DPR's oversight responsibilities include scientific evaluation of pesticides before they are licensed for sale; residue testing of fresh produce; environmental and occupational monitoring to detect, reduce, and prevent contamination and unacceptable human exposure; licensing of pest control applicators and businesses; and working with county agricultural commissioners (CACs), who enforce pesticide laws and regulations at the local level, to ensure that pesticides are used legally.

<i><b>FUND SOURCE</b></i>	<i><b>Current Year 2006-07</b></i>	<i><b>Budget Year 2007-08</b></i>	<i><b>Change</b></i>	
			<i><b>Amount</b></i>	<i><b>Percentage</b></i>
General Fund	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Funds	\$63,049	\$65,849	+\$2,800	+4.4%
Bond Funds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Federal Funds	\$2,200	\$2,229	+\$29	+1.3%
Other Funds	\$606	\$806	+\$200	+33.0%
<b>Total: All Funds</b>	<b>\$65,855</b>	<b>\$68,884</b>	<b>+\$3,029</b>	<b>+4.6%</b>
<b>Personnel Years</b>	<b>354.1</b>	<b>367.7</b>	<b>+13.6</b>	<b>+3.8%</b>

The Governor's 2007-08 budget will improve California's health and safety from pesticides by advancing prevention, protection, and compliance activities. The budget adjustments are made within existing special fund (DPR Fund) revenues and without the need for increased fees or General Fund support. Over the past year, DPR Fund revenues have increased, primarily the mill assessment revenues. Over the past 20 years, the value of the mill assessment has increased an average of four-to-five percent each year. Factors contributing to the increased revenue include securing the mill assessment responsibilities of consumer retailers, increased petroleum costs, and the improved state of the economy. The increased revenue allows additional support of critical health and safety activities, while still maintaining a prudent reserve.

The balance between prevention, protection, and compliance will enhance the world's strongest pesticide regulatory program. Pesticides are unique among environmental chemicals in that they are deliberately released to achieve a specific purpose--to protect people and the environment from pests. However, pesticides can also have adverse impacts on people and the environment. For example, we are facing challenges to air and water quality from pesticide use. Protecting workers, children, and communities from pesticide exposures remains a priority. The Governor's 2007-08 budget will allow DPR to tackle these challenges through improved protections, strong enforcement, and increased compliance actions.

- Prevention – The Governor’s budget proposes two critical programs to prevent pesticide impacts, with a particular emphasis on people. First, the Pesticide Pollution Prevention Grant Program will provide two years of funding to once again advance pest management solutions, with emphasis on both agricultural and urban settings. Funding has not been available since the Pesticide Alliance Grant Program was eliminated in 2003. The reinstated grant program will be supported by two limited-term positions and will provide approximately \$600,000 in grants each year for two years. For any multiyear project, funding for the second year would be contingent on the evaluation of the project’s progress by the Pest Management Advisory Committee. Second, the budget provides for the extension of the Healthy Schools Act to private child day care facilities (Chapter 865, Statutes of 2006). The addition of one position and \$149,000 will allow DPR to revise existing outreach materials and training to facilitate the adoption of integrated pest management in day care settings.
- Mitigating Pesticide Impacts – To fully protect the most vulnerable people in California, we must make sure our rules meet the latest developments in health and safety. The budget includes the addition of five positions and \$634,000 for the regulatory workload to address pesticide risks to air quality and workers. With these resources, DPR will develop mitigation measures, adopt statewide rules, develop better worker and physician outreach programs, and take pesticide product registration actions. Reducing farmworker illnesses, long a priority of California’s pesticide regulatory program, has also taken on new urgency with the imposition of environmental justice requirements. The new outreach program will address worker safety, including information on the “rights and procedures of workers and those potentially exposed to pesticides and how to file confidential complaints.” Additionally, the budget provides for DPR to receive \$255,000 in Proposition 40 and 50 funds, via a non-profit coalition of growers, to fund one limited-term position to evaluate mitigation measures for chlorpyrifos and pyrethroid pesticides.
- Improved Compliance – Assuring compliance with pesticide rules is a critical underpinning of our ability to protect people and reduce illness incidents. With recent improvements to the pesticide enforcement program, DPR must also improve its oversight guidance and training to improve the consistency and quality of local pesticide use enforcement programs led by the CACs. The budget includes six additional positions and \$667,000 for DPR to fulfill its obligation to the CACs.
- Local Assistance to County Agricultural Commissioners – The CACs receive 7.6 mills to conduct pesticide use enforcement and restricted-material permitting activities. The projected increase in the value of the mill assessment (\$2.327 to \$2.421 million/mill) equates to a \$715,000 increase in local assistance.
- Summary of Budget Adjustments – The \$3.0 million increase includes the following adjustments:
 

○ Pesticide Pollution Prevention Grants	\$780,000 (2.0 positions, limited-term)
○ Compliance	\$667,000 (6.0 positions)
○ Mitigation	\$634,000 (5.0 positions)
○ Surface Water (Reimbursement)	\$255,000 (1.0 position, limited-term)
○ Healthy Schools – Day Care	\$149,000 (1.0 position)
○ Local Assistance	\$715,000
○ Miscellaneous Baseline Adjustments	-\$171,000

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